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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages. Since May 27, 2006 falls on a Saturday and since May 29, 2006 is a federal holiday, this Response is timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over EP Patent Appln. 0 943 895 to Ashby et al. ("Ashby") and U.S. Patent No. 6,473,790 to Tagi ("Tagi"). Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the references.